

Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered By Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih IV. On 10th July 1998

O ye who believe! Save yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones over which are appointed stern angels severe who disobey not Allah in what He commands them and do as they are ordered.

O ye who disbelieve! Make no excuses this day. You are requited for what you did.

The Holy Quran. al-Tahrim [The Prohibition]: 7, 8.

These are the sacred verses also recited in the final sermon of the tour of America and in view of these verses I had drew attention such Middle Class Ahmadi who love their possessions more than Allah and whose children are also slipping out of their hands as a result of it. It was not at all out of a need for financial contributions that I did so there albeit I felt that those who were unfortunate should be saved if they can be saved.

It is advised in the words *قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا* ['Save yourselves and your families from a Fire'] to save your new generations and be concerned for them right from the start and make it contingent upon those of them who earn that they pay the contributions right from the start. It is time for them to be told that their wealth is unlawful to them *until you subtract God's share from it*. I am glad that when such youngsters were admonished they immediately responded positively. You will see that the sacrifices of these youth would take care of all future needs of the *Jamat*.

This warning has had a positive effect on many devotees and they have expressed their concerted endeavour to keep their accounts clear with Allah. Businessmen should subtract Allah's dues from their trade revenues. Then spend the rest in their business and you will see that Allah will bless it abundantly. I cannot help but love such as have returned after this admonition:

Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger ﷺ saying: 'Allah, the Exalted and Glorious, said 'I am to my servant as he thinks of Me.'¹ 'I live in the thought of My servant and I am with him as he remembers Me.' The Holy Prophet further said 'By Allah! Allah is more pleased at the repentance of His servant than what one of you would do on finding your lost camel in a barren desert. When he draws near Me by the span of his hand. I draw near him by the length of a cubit and when he draws near Me by the length of a cubit. I draw near him by the length of a fathom and when he draws near Me walking I draw close to him running.'²

Should not the Ahmadiyya Community think so of their Lord so that He may come running towards them? The entire universe would run in the direction in which God would run. That is where the hearts of the whole world would be inclined. Apparently these were financial affairs but not at all merely affairs of finance. These are the needs of the future ages which we are to fulfil anyway.

¹ Bukhari, Muhammad ibn Ismail. *Sahih al-Bukhari*.

² Muslim, ibn al-Hajjaj. *Sahih Muslim*.

His Holiness the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has written about the Philosophy of human sin and error in the light of the Quranic teachings and sheds light on the subject of the forgiveness of Allah the Almighty with great wisdom. His Holiness the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) states that Allah the Almighty '... can forgive the sins of 70 years because of a moment of abraded repentance.'

I am informing the *Jamat* that the marriage of my daughter Tooba has ended in divorce and I do so because this is the trust Allah the Almighty has given to me with I have to bear. Nevertheless the details are that I was not convinced of the success of this relationship from the outset. Even though from the very first day I strongly believed in my heart that this relationship is not right at all. It was my fundamental mistake to give this girl away into that home and it was to have borne the natural negative consequences. The prayers went unfulfilled because they would not have been received before Allah anyway. In view of the circumstances of the girl's departure and her subsequent return to this house without having got stuck in some hurdle is a bounty of Allah.

Regarding the various important aspects of this situation all those coming to the *Jalsa* should particularly keep in view the advice not gossip about it whatsoever in a way that would need to be answered again and again and nor should they look at the girl with pity. Not only does she have no need for your pity but she would also be hurt because of it. If you truly love me and love this girl then you should remove it from your heart as if nothing had happened. Do not look at her in a funny way whatsoever. Be concerned about yourselves and worry about your own children, worry about your husband and your families but even there do not be concerned more than is required. I hope that Allah the Almighty would enable you to act according to these teachings.

One thing I had forgotten to mention in the sermon was to save me from your consolations as well. There is no need for any letter on this subject nor should you look at me during the *Mulaqat* [private audiences] as if to say that you care for me so much. Rather than create love it would torment me and it would be futile. I hope you would consider this case to be fully closed and done and dusted.